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Field Crops

Alfalfa harvest is active on over half of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition remains mostly good to fair. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly poor. Cotton planting is 7 percent complete.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, endive, escarole, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous herbs, green onions, parsley, and spinach. Citrus produce was also shipped.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, green onions, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, processed lettuce, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, and spinach. Citrus shipments included grapefruit, lemons, oranges, and tangerines.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			—Percent—		
Alfalfa	0	12	38	38	12
Range and Pasture	49	26	15	9	1

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending March 26. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Douglas, Paloma, and Payson to 4 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 89 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading occurred in Flagstaff at 8

degrees. Precipitation was reported at 14 of the 22 reporting stations. Prescott received the most at 0.34 inches of precipitation and Maricopa received the lowest precipitation at 0.01 inches. Maricopa is the only reporting station with above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
March 20 - March 26, 2006

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	54	-5	80	28	0.07	0.27	-3.13
Buckeye	59	-4	86	38	0.00	0.93	-1.20
Canyon De Chelly	44	-2	71	24	0.04	1.18	-0.78
Coolidge	56	-5	83	34	0.04	2.37	-0.17
Douglas	49	-6	79	26	0.06	0.19	-1.41
Flagstaff	34	-3	59	8	0.26	1.78	-4.55
Grand Canyon	36	4	61	18	0.27	1.39	-5.34
Kingman	48	-4	75	25	0.16	0.40	-2.34
Marana	59	-3	86	37	0.04	1.11	-1.93
Maricopa	59	-3	87	37	0.01	2.44	0.14
Paloma	57	-6	86	32	0.00	0.87	-1.43
Parker	61	-4	87	36	0.00	0.26	-1.58
Payson	42	-6	69	22	0.10	1.16	-4.80
Phoenix	61	-3	87	43	0.12	1.56	-0.57
Prescott	42	-3	67	19	0.34	0.87	-3.77
Roll	60	-4	89	35	0.00	0.31	-0.47
Safford	52	-4	81	31	0.00	0.78	-1.02
St. Johns	44	-3	73	24	0.00	1.05	-0.97
Tucson	56	-5	83	36	0.18	0.40	-1.79
Willcox	53	2	80	26	0.00	0.22	-1.96
Winslow	43	-5	75	20	0.06	0.26	-1.21
Yuma	60	-5	88	37	0.00	0.36	-0.48

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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